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Probably Friday

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THREE BATTLES RAGING; 1,000 KILLED EUROPE FEARS KAISER WILL DECLARE WAR

KAISER TAKES DECISIVE STEP TO DETERMINE WAR OR PEACE

Authorized Statement by Foreign Office Declares Fatherland Must Act to Meet Russia's Mobilization.

Upon Answers From St. Petersburg, Paris, and Other Capitals Depends Future Action of Berlin Government.

BERLIN, July 30.—The foreign office late this afternoon authorized the United Press to make the following statement:

"Germany has taken decisive steps at St. Petersburg, Paris, and other European capitals within the past hour, the results of which will determine the issue of war or peace."

"Germany has faithfully kept the peace and the reports of mobilization of German troops have been premature. Germany has made no war move. The only steps taken have been in the direction of peace. Now the fatherland must decide upon measures calculated to meet the dangerous situation resulting from Russia's activity on the frontier."

Denotes Germany Is Aroused.

The foregoing authorized statement made to Karl H. von Wiegand, United Press staff correspondent in Berlin, suggests a most critical situation in the German capital. It was accompanied by no explanation, but the nature of the dispatches from Berlin during the day suggests that all matter is being subjected to close scrutiny by the German press censors.

The fact that the foreign office has been so frank to state its position to the world through the medium of the press would seem to indicate that the Kaiser's government is seeking to clear the atmosphere and pave the way for definite and immediate action.

Supposed Mad Dog Bites Horse Going to Fire

While responding to an alarm for fire, which started today in the smoldering ruins of the feed store of Theodore Michael, 25 New York avenue northeast, where damage amounting to \$15,000 was done Tuesday night, one of the horses drawing No. 12 engine was attacked by a bull-dog, believed to have been infected with rabies, and bitten on the leg.

The dog also attacked George Ryan, of 1313 North Capitol street, biting him on the ankle. Ryan went to St. Elizabeth's hospital where the wound was sutured. A veterinary was summoned to treat the horse. The dog is still at large.

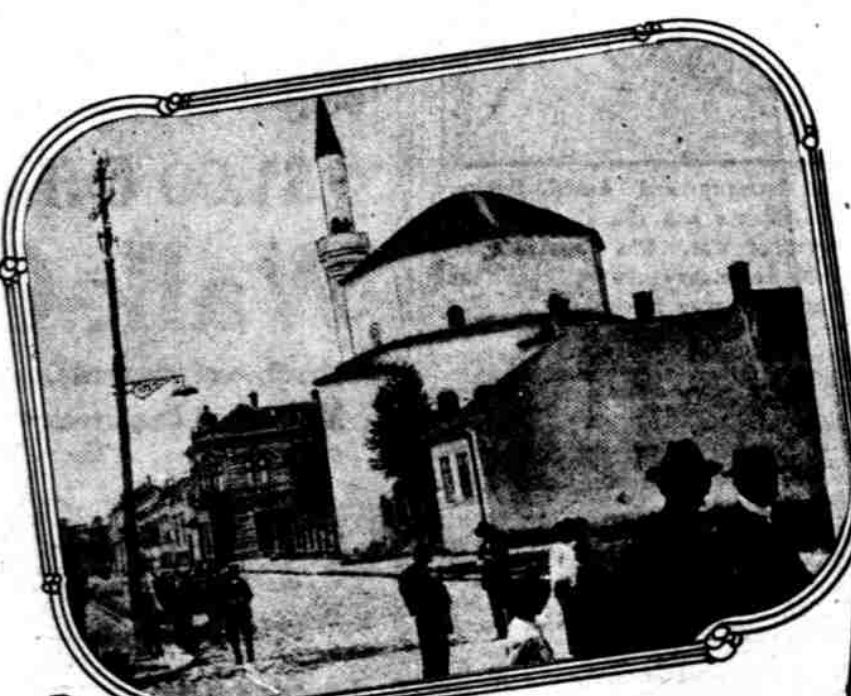
Models Wilson in Clay.

Senator Smoot of Utah presented President Wilson with a clay model likeness of the Chief Executive. It was the work of John Bates, eleven, of Salt Lake City, who used as a model a portrait clipped from a magazine.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

SENATE.
Met at 11.
Trade commission bill further considered. Early vote expected.
Senator Bristow will lead fight on confirmation of Warburg.
HOUSE.
Met at noon.
Resumed debate on reclamation bill.
Naval Affairs Committee continued inquiry into methods of "plucking board," taking up case of Capt. Frank Kellogg.
Judiciary Committee held hearing on House resolution to give Louisiana right to sue in Supreme Court on sugar tariff interpretation by Treasury Department.
District Committee reported bill to levy additional tax on Washington automobiles.
Wright inquiry to be resumed tomorrow.

PALACE RAKED BY SHELLS, AND SCENES IN CAPITAL



A street scene in Belgrade, capital of Serbia, which was deserted by King Peter and ministers several days ago.

WEAKNESS IS SHOWN IN STOCK MARKET

Becomes Marked Just Before
Noon on Unusual Liquidations—Declines at Opening.

NEW YORK, July 30.—The stock market showed decline again today on the opening. Northern Pacific was off 1/4, Pennsylvania 3/4, Reading 1/4, Steel 3/4, and New York Central 1/4.

The market was orderly, however, and there was a strong buying movement as the decreased prices. The first transaction in Steel was a sale of 5,000 shares at from 54 1/2 to 55 1/2. Within a few minutes the price rallied to 55. Yesterday's closing was a 50 1/2.

At 11 o'clock the market developed decided weakness on unusual liquidation. During the first hour 20,000 shares of United States Steel changed hands. Other big sellers were Canadian Pacific, 14,200 shares; Reading, 24,500 shares; and Union Pacific, 25,000 shares.

At 12:45 the market was active and very weak. Amalgamated 32, off 1/2; Reading 14 1/2, off 1/2; Union Pacific 11 1/2, off 1/2; Steel 53 1/2, off 1/2; Lehigh Valley 12 1/2, off 1/2; and People's Gas 10 1/2, off 1/2.

In a single sale Lehigh dropped off two points. Reading was forced down to 14 1/2, but recovered within a few minutes to 14 3/4. All the stocks seemed to have fairly strong support.

Money Rates Raised By Bank of England

LONDON, July 30.—The Bank of England today raised its rate from 3 to 4 per cent. Despite the increasing likelihood of Germany and Russia becoming involved in war, the stock market today showed improvement. American issues were up from 1 to 4 points. Deere & Co., a house with large foreign connections, failed today.

Raising of the interest rate is not an unusual step, nor is a 1 per cent. extraordinary high. Last year the rate was never below 4 1/2 per cent. Under normal conditions there would have been a reduction this spring, but strengthening of gold reserves by continental banks led the Bank of England to protect itself by holding the rate high.

Vienna Exchange Will Stay Closed

LONDON, July 30.—Vienna notified the stock exchange here today that business had been suspended for an indefinite period. Rome and Milan stock exchanges informed London of their suspension of all time contracts.

Oil Money Ready.

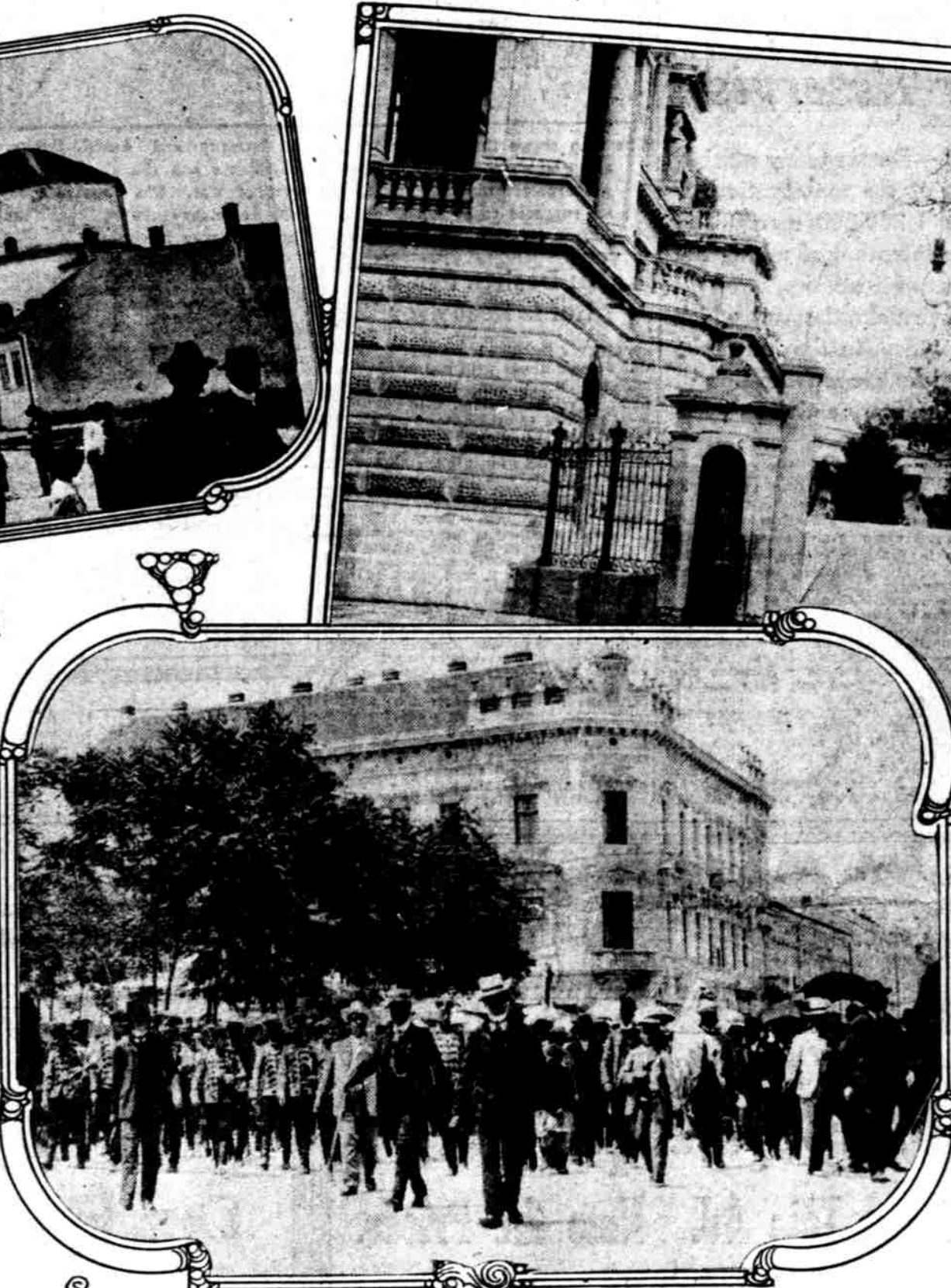
NEW YORK, July 30.—Oil money was up to 6 per cent today and John D. Rockefeller's oil firm was ready. Several brokers were called on the telephone and advised that the Standard Oil Company was prepared to furnish oil money "at the prevailing rates."

Cotton Breaks Violently.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Cotton broke violently on the exchange today. An enormous volume of enforced liquidation and foreign selling caused a drop of from 30 to 35 cents. At noon prices averaged 27 to 41 cents down.

Assets Only \$205.

James P. Sullivan, proprietor of a saloon at 295 Seventh street northwest, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the District Court today. He listed his liabilities at \$10,355.51 and his assets at \$205.



Soldiers and Citizens Promenading in One of the Plazas At Belgrade.

WAR FORCES DOLLAR WHEAT IN CHICAGO

Scene in Pit Not Paralleled in
Years—Two Clear \$100,000 Each by Rise.

CHICAGO, July 30.—Dollar wheat was reached and passed on the board of trade today, when war talk ran wheat values to the highest pinnacle of the present crisis. December wheat was quoted at \$1.06 even, a few minutes before noon, and May futures passed the dollar mark.

James A. Patten, famous wheat "king," who is now in Europe, and Arthur Cutten, another big Chicago dealer, are credited with having made at least \$100,000 each by the sudden rise in wheat prices.

There were no offerings at the start. The pit was jammed with brokers shouting themselves hoarse and shrieking their bids as prices steadily mounted higher after the opening.

In fifteen minutes September wheat made an additional jump of 2 cents, and prices for all wheat futures were 6 to 7 cents over last night's close.

The scene in the wheat pit today has not been paralleled in years. Brokers caught short found themselves unable to lay grain when alarming cables from the Liverpool market got the pit seething with excitement.

Ex-Diplomat's Son Faces False Pretense Charge

Three charges of obtaining money by false pretenses were filed in Police Court today against Emanuel Beccia, twenty-seven years old, said to be the son of a former Southern American diplomat, who was arrested last night by Central Office Detectives Berman and Vermillion. Hearing in the case was continued and arrangements made for Beccia's release in the sum of \$1,000. The charges against the young man grew out of three checks for small amounts alleged to have been passed on business men.

Fish Leaps Into Boat of Sleuths

"Dick" Jervis and "Tommy" Callahan, Secret Service men stationed at the White House, and good-looking fellows, have won reputations for catching counterfeiters, and land fraud crooks, but it was not until yesterday that they gained any reputation as fishermen.

The reputation, however, is based solely upon what they are telling themselves, Jervis, usually a reserved and modest individual, doing the telling and Callahan adding, "That's so."

There are fish stories and then some more fish stories, but these bodyguards of the President have one which does terrible violence to the wildest imagination, their yarn being to the effect that a three-pound bass they displayed about the White House last night actually jumped into the boat.

"I guess maybe he didn't want to get his paws pricked," opined Jervis. "Anyway, without the slightest warning this bass splashed out of the river and almost into Tommy's lap. I think we must have caught his wife, as we had three pretty big fish when the sensational leap was made, or he may have gotten a squirt at Tommy's spunk."

"Jimmie" Sloan, chief of the Secret Service squad at the White House, vouches for the veracity of his two associates.

Virginia Girl to Raise Volunteer Nurse Corps

Mme. Grouitch, American wife of Slavko Grouitch, the assistant secretary of foreign affairs of Serbia, who is known in Washington from her many visits, has won the admiration of Londoners by her patriotism and devotion to her husband. The charming wife of the Serbian diplomat, who, prior to her marriage was Miss Mabel Dunlop, of Clarkburg, W. Va., is now en route to London to organize a corps of volunteer nurses and surgeons for war service.

A letter was received from Mme. Grouitch by one of her friends in London yesterday. At the time of the writing she was at Sile-Maria, Engadina, Switzerland.

GRAND JURY TAKES UP AMBROSE CASE

Investigation of the Alleged
Shortage in Accounts of
Attorney Is Begun.

An investigation of the alleged shortages in the accounts of Attorney William E. Ambrose in fiduciary cases, as developed in testimony before the Wright investigating committee of the House, was begun by the grand jury today at the instance of United States Attorney Clarence R. Wilson.

Charles H. McComas, attorney for the American Bonding Company, which was surety on several of Mr. Ambrose's bonds, was the first witness to testify in the grand jury inquiry. He gave detailed testimony before the Wright committee as to the alleged shortages of Mr. Ambrose, claiming that the bonding company he represented made up shortages in six different cases.

Only a short session of the grand jury was held today because of a death in the family of one of the jurors, but the investigation will be resumed tomorrow, and it is expected that Mr. McComas will again be a witness. The nature of Mr. McComas' testimony today has not yet developed, but it is assumed that he repeated in substance a part of the testimony he gave before the Wright committee.

District Attorney Wilson has been conducting an inquiry into the Ambrose case for several weeks to determine whether there was evidence enough to warrant his presenting the matter to the grand jury. It is understood that in the course of his investigation he obtained transcripts of certain testimony given by witnesses before the Wright committee.

It became known today that Prosecutor Wilson has summoned a number of other witnesses to appear before the grand jury in the Ambrose case. Their names have been withheld, although it is understood that the persons subpoenaed already have testified before the Wright committee.

12:00—The Postmaster General.
12:30—Col. John T. McGraw of Alabama.
2:30—Washington newspaper correspondents.

200,000 AUSTRIANS RECALLED FROM U. S.

The "Fiery Cross" Is Call to
Arms Sent Broadcast by
Commander Burstyn Here.

The "Fiery Cross," a call to arms is being carried far and wide across the United States by Austria.

Two hundred thousand Austrian subjects in the United States, fighting men all, and on the reserve army list, have been called upon to rally to the flag.

Commander Maximilian Burstyn, naval attaché of the Austrian embassy, is rallying these forces. The 200,000 men sought are scattered all through the United States, and Austria's postal service will be called upon to aid in locating them.

"Your Uncle's" gray clad carriers will carry this modern flaming call to all of Austria's men within the borders of this country. To each man of the 200,000 a personal order or appeal will be sent.

Commander Burstyn came to Washington yesterday to take charge of the work of sending these men home, with a call to the colors. Each Austrian reservist is kept track of and it will not be difficult to find them, it is said.

The expenses of all those who respond to the call will be repaid by the Austrian government, as soon as they reach their native land. Those who are without funds for the trip will be supplied with the necessary money by the nearest Austrian consul, to whom they present their notification cards.

Smoot Thinks Congress Will Adjourn August 20

Adjournment of Congress about August 20 was forecast at the White House today.

Senator Smoot, leader of the Republican minority, told the President that there would be no attempt by Republicans to obstruct the anti-trust legislation.

Senator Smoot declared that everyone in the Senate is anxious to get home. He hopes to start back for Salt Lake City not later than August 20.

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

10:25—Senator Smoot of Utah.
10:30—Congressman Smiley of South Carolina.
11:00—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt.
10:40—Senator Thompson of Kansas.
10:45—Congressman Gordon of Ohio.
10:50—Congressman Boughton of North Carolina.
10:55—Congressman Humphreys of Mississippi.
11:00—Wisconsin delegation.
11:15—Senator Salisbury of Delaware.
11:30—Congressman Kettner of California.
11:45—Congressman McKellar of Tennessee.
12:00—The Postmaster General.
12:30—Col. John T. McGraw of Alabama.
2:30—Washington newspaper correspondents.

EUROPE ON BRINK OF FEARFUL CATASTROPHE, WAITS IN GLOOM FOR GERMANY'S NEXT MOVE

Austria Moves Rapidly in Campaign,
Invading Servia Over Two
Borders—Fighting So Far
Favors Them.

By ED L. KEEN.

LONDON, July 30.—At sundown tonight Europe stood on the brink of what Premier Asquith termed an "immeasurable international catastrophe."

Not since Napoleon's return from Elba has all Europe's attention been so focused on one man. Tonight the fate of Europe hangs on the next word of Kaiser Wilhelm. All officialism at heart believes the word will be for war.

Austria has invaded Servia. Fighting between Austrian and Serbian forces is in progress at several points. Belgrade has been occupied. Russia is mobilizing her armies on the Austrian frontier. The Czar has hurled the official announcement of the fact across Europe.

The Kaiser, avoiding the obvious, has demanded no explanation of Russia. With an unsatisfactory reply from the Czar a certainty, the Kaiser has devoted a day to putting the German war machine in shape. The answer to Russia's expected unsatisfactory reply can only be a declaration of war from the Kaiser.

Further pretense by diplomats and foreign offices has been dropped. St. Petersburg, Berlin, Paris, London, and Rome admit the reaching of the crisis. All other capitals look to Berlin for the next move. At no point is further hope of peace held out. Berlin alone talks amity. The purpose is obvious. Berlin is utilizing every second of delay. How much time the Kaiser needs will determine the hour of the move which must bridge the crisis or plunge a continent into war.

Austrians and Serbs In Three Engagements

LONDON, July 30.—Three battles were reported today along the Serbian frontier. Eight hundred Serbians and 200 Austrians were reported killed in an engagement at Foca, in Bosnia.

Heavy losses were suffered by both sides during fighting at Semendria, twenty miles south of Belgrade.

An artillery duel was in progress at Kiecnizny. The Austro-Hungarian forces made their first invasion through the Morava river valley. They were met by a Serbian force at Semendria. The battle there started yesterday on Serbian soil and was renewed today. At Losnitza, on the western Serbian frontier, an attack was also made—according to Vienna dispatches. Stubborn resistance was met there and the Austrians suffered heavy losses without driving out the defenders.

The losses at Semendria will reach several hundred. The southern Austrian column, expecting an attack from